Custom duty on pesticides and insecticides

@1104. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI; Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) what are the names of the pesti cides and insecticides which have been granted custom duty concessions during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) what are the names of three leading importers of each of these pesticides and insecticides;

(c) what was the custom duty before the concession and what is the custom duty after the concession alongwith the date from which the concession, became applicable; and

(d) what has been the import of each and the CIF value of imports during the last three years, year-wise?

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THE FINANCE MINISTER (PROF MADHU DANDAVAT); (a) and (c) Statement to this reply gives irequired details of pesticides and insecticides which have been granted customs duty concession during the last three years. (See *below)*

(b) and (d) The Ministry of Finance does not maintain separate statistics importer-wise for each of these pesticides and insecticides.

Statement

(a) and (c) The following pesticides and insecticides have been granted concessional rates of custom duty during the last 3 years and the rates as revised from time to time.

Sl. No.	Description	Percentage Import Duty		Period
		Basic	Aux. Duty	
1.	Monocrotophos	25	45	1-3-88 to 23-1-89
		60	45	4-1-89 till date
2.	Methylparathion	25	45	1-3-88 to 23-1-89
		60	45	24-1-89 till date
3.	Dimethoate	25	45	1-3-88 till date
4.	BHC	25	45	Do.
5.	Malthion	25	45	Do.
6.	Endosulphan	25	45	Do.
7.	Phorate	25	45	Do.
8.	Mancozeb	25	45	Do.
9.	Zineb	25	45	Do.
10.	Maneb	25	45	1-3-88 to 17-7-88
		60	45	18-7-88 till date
11.	Thiram	25	45	1-3-88 till date
12.	2, 4-D	25	45	1-3-88 till date

Sl. No.	Description	Percentage Import Duty		Period
		Basic	Aux. Duty	
13.	Butachlor	25	45	1-3-88 to 18-7-88
		45	45	19-7-88 to 23-1-89
		60	45	24-1-89 till date
14.	Benthiocarb	25	45	1-3-88 till date
15.	Isoproturan	25	45	Do.
16.	Carbaryl	25	45	From 20-3-90
17.	Carbofuran	25	45	From 20-3-90
18.	B.P.M.C.	25	45	Do.
19.	Edifenphos	25	45	Do.
20.	Bitertanol	25	45	Do.
21.	Alachlor	25	45	Do.
22.	Triallate	25	45	Do.
23.	Thiophenate Methyl	25	45	Do.

Immediately prior to 1-3-88, the rate of duty on pesticides and insecticides was 60 percent (basic) + 45 percent (auxiliary) -1- Nil Additional Duty (Total 105 percent). The pesticides and insecticides are statutorily exempted from Excise Duty. Hence no additional duty is payable.

Export of Ayurvedic medicines

@@1105. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that herbal (Ayurvedic) medicines are being exported from India; -

(b) if so, what are the names of the countries which are major importers of herbal medicines together with the yearwise value of exports to these during the last three years

(c) whether any project has been implemented by Government for identification and cultivation of medicinal herbs and plants in India for export as well as for domestic uses; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

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THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUPVTAR NEHRU); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The major importer of herbal medicines from India is USSR. Herbal medicines are exported to Singapore, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, UAE, USA, UK, West Germany, Netherlands, Italy, Switzerland, Canada, Australia and Mauritius also.